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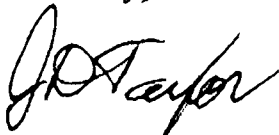
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am a small business owner and I have used Microsoft products to help run my business for years. I feel that the antitrust case against Microsoft is senseless. The settlement should stand the way it is and this whole mess should be over.

Microsoft has contributed greatly to the IT industry and I feel that they've earned what they have. According to one of the terms of the settlement, as I understand it, Microsoft is required to release their internal codes to Windows so that other companies can use them to produce their software. I feel as though others are simply taking advantage of Microsoft, I don't think the courts should support that.

I hope that the Department of Justice decides to clear this matter up. To finalize the settlement is clearly in the best interest of all involved. I would hate to see any more money wasted on this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Taylor", written in a cursive style.

Jerry Taylor